

Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A packaging system comprising:

a container having a rim defining an open end; and

~~a carrying assembly having a first lower portion for securely capturing the container rim and a second upper portion comprising a blister package, the blister package including a first blister section and a second blister section disposed on opposite sides of the blister package and connected to each other along their outer edges to form the blister package, wherein the connected sections define at least one blister portion for receiving an item to be displayed by the blister package, wherein the connected sections form forming a carrying handle for the system, and wherein the connected sections define a lower portion configured to engage the rim of the container so that the carrying handle is engageable to lift the blister package and the container connected to the lower portion.~~

Claim 2 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 wherein the blister package is generally arch shaped.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The packaging system of claim 3 1 wherein the blister section on one of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 5 (original): The packaging system of claim 4 wherein the blister section on the other of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 6 (original): The packaging system of claim 4 wherein the other of the opposing sides includes a recess which cooperates with the enlarged perimeter portion as a handle.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The packaging system of claim 1 wherein the blister package includes a plurality of blister portions for receiving display items.

Claim 8 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 including a display card in the blister package.

Claim 9 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 including an upper supporting surface, and means for supporting the upper supporting surface within the container.

Claim 10 (original): The packaging system of claim 9 wherein the upper supporting surface supporting means comprises a projection extending inwardly from the container to supportingly engage the upper supporting surface.

Claim 11 (original): The packaging system of claim 10, including a plurality of the projections extending inwardly from the container to supportingly engage the upper supporting surface.

Claim 12 (original): The packaging system of claim 11 wherein the plurality of projections form a circumferential ridge.

Claim 13 (original): The packaging system of claim 9 wherein the upper supporting surface includes shaped deformations for receiving items of display.

Claim 14 (original): The packaging system of claim 9 including a lower supporting surface disposed below the upper supporting surface and defining a space, the space adapted to contain a display item.

Claim 15 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 including a cover adapted for closing the open end of the container, wherein the cover is disposed within the blister package.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A packaging system comprising:

a container having a rim defining an open end; and

~~a carrying assembly having a first lower portion for securely capturing the container rim and a second, generally arch-shaped upper portion comprising a blister package, the generally arch-shaped upper portion including first and second blister sections on opposing sides thereof connected to each other along their outer edges to form the blister package, wherein the connected sections define at least one blister portion for receiving an item to be displayed by the blister package, wherein the connected sections cooperatively form forming a carrying handle for the system, and wherein the connected sections define a lower portion configured to engage the rim of the container so that the carrying handle is engageable to lift the blister package and the container connected to the lower portion.~~

Claim 17 (original): The packaging system of claim 16 wherein the blister section on one of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 18 (original): The packaging system of claim 17 wherein the blister section on the other of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 19 (original): The packaging system of claim 17 wherein the other of the opposing sides includes a recess which cooperates with the enlarged perimeter portion as a handle.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The packaging system of claim 16 wherein the blister package includes a plurality of blister portions for receiving display items.

Claim 21 (original): The packaging system of claim 16 including a display card in the blister package.

Claim 22 (original): The packaging system of claim 16 including an upper supporting surface, and means for supporting the upper supporting surface within the container.

Claim 23 (original): The packaging system of claim 22 wherein the upper supporting surface supporting means comprises a projection extending inwardly from the container to supportingly engage the upper supporting surface.

Claim 24 (original): The packaging system of claim 23 including a plurality of the projections extending inwardly from the container to supportingly engage the upper supporting surface.

Claim 25 (original): The packaging system of claim 24 wherein the plurality of projections form a circumferential ridge.

Claim 26 (original): The packaging system of claim 22 wherein the upper supporting surface includes shaped deformations for receiving items of display.

Claim 27 (original): The packaging system of claim 16 including a cover adapted for closing the open end of the container, wherein the cover is disposed within the blister package.

Claim 28 (original): A packaging system comprising:

a container having a rim defining an open end;

a carrying assembly having a first portion for securely capturing the container rim and a second, generally arch-shaped portion comprising a blister package, the blister package including blister sections on opposing sides thereof to form a carrying handle for the system;

an upper supporting surface, the upper supporting surface including shaped deformations for receiving items of display;

circumferential ridge extending about an inner surface of the container for supporting the upper supporting surface within the container; and

a lower supporting surface disposed below the upper supporting surface and defining a space, the space adapted to contain display material.

Claim 29 (original): The packaging system of claim 28 wherein the blister section on one of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 30 (original): The packaging system of claim 29 wherein the blister section on the other of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 31 (original): The packaging system of claim 30 wherein the other of the opposing sides includes a recess which cooperates with the enlarged perimeter portion as a handle.

Claim 32 (original): The packaging system of claim 28 wherein the blister package includes blister portions for receiving display items.

Claim 33 (original): The packaging system of claim 28 including a display card in the blister package.

Claim 34 (original): The packaging system of claim 28 including a cover adapted for closing the open end of the container, wherein the cover is disposed within the blister package.

Claim 35 (new): The packaging system of claim 1 wherein the container is disposed external to the blister package when the lower portion engages the rim of the container.

Claim 36 (new): The packaging system of claim 16 wherein the container is disposed external to the blister package when the lower portion engages the rim of the container.